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SUBJECT: EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION: MARIJA SULSKIENE

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1. CONSOFFS CALLED ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FIRST SECRETARIES POLYAKOV AND CHERNIGOV MAY 23 TO PRESENT EMBASSY NOTE SUPPORTING SULSKIENE'S EFFORTS SEEK REPATRIATION TO US. NOTE ASKED THAT LOCAL PASSPORT AUTHORITIES ACCEPT HER EXIT VISA APPLICATION AND THAT APPLICATION BE PROCESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FAVORABLY. COPY NOTE POUCHED DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV).

2. CONSOFFS EMPHASIZED IN ORAL PRESENTATION SIGNIFICANT CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS CASE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ITS EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY US CONGRESS AND PUBLIC, AS WELL AS USG. IN ACCEPTING NOTE, CHERNIGOV INDICATED AWARENESS OF CASE AND OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN US. HE AND POLYAKOV STATED THAT THEY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE EXPEDITE TRANSMISSION OF USG INTEREST TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WHICH THEY STATED WOULD TAKE "MAXIMUM ONE WEEK."

3. DCM CALLED ON MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF KOMPLEKTOV
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LATER ON MAY 23 AND PRESENTED COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE TO CON-

SULAR DIVISION CONCERNING SULSKIENE. KOMPLEKTOV SAID SULSKIENE CASE WAS "100 PER CENT CONSULAR MATTER" AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD RAISE IT TO POLITICAL LEVEL IN VIEW OF UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE WITH KUDIRKA AFFAIR (WHICH DCM HAD NOT ALLUDED TO IN ANY WAY). HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE "PROVOCATIVE" TO DO SO, AND HE HANDED NOTE BACK TO DCM. DCM DID NOT INSIST ON LEAVING COPY BUT NOTED THERE IS MAJOR PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN CASE IN U.S. AND IT COULD THEREFORE HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. DCM ADDED THAT U.S. WOULD BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO SEE MATTER RESOLVED IN CONSULAR CHANNELS, EMPHASIZING THAT SOLUTION WAS OUR GOAL. (FYI: FORMALLY SPEAKING, SINCE THE COPY OF THE NOTE WAS HANDED BACK, USA DIVISION UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDERS THAT MATTER HAS NOT BEEN RAISED AT POLITICAL LEVEL. END FYI).

4. PER PARA 3 STATE REFTEL, LENINGRAD CONSOFF SENT TELEGRAM TO VIONIUS OVIR CHIEF SAME DATE ADVISING HIM OF STRONG USG INTEREST THIS CASE AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT IT WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FAVORABLY RESOLVED.

5. ALSO ON MAY 23, EMBASSY SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM (IN RUSSIAN) TO MRS. SULSKIENE (PER PARA 2 STATE REFTEL): BEGIN QUOTE GOVERNMENT USA WISHES INFORM YOU OFFICIALLY THAT UNDER U.S. LAW YOU ARE CONSIDERED AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. OFFICIAL INTEREST OF USG IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BE REPATRIATED TO US WAS EXPRESSED TO OFFICIALS OF USSR MFA AND MVD ON MAY 23. TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR OUR INTEREST TO BE CONVEYED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WE SUGGEST YOU DELAY YOUR EXIT VISA APPLICATION TO PASSPORT BUREAU QF SAKIAI POLICE UNTIL JUNE 3. PLEASE CONTINUE TO INFORM EMBASSY OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BE REPATRIATED TO US. AMERICAN CONSUL. END QUOTE STOESSEL

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